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## Selectmen hear more input on road paving

Topic set for DPW meeting Wednesday, Oct. 14

By Ellenor Downer  
By Staff Writer

BARRE – Selectmen chair Gregory O’Sullivan said the board received letters from 13 addresses with 24 residents supporting paving of Loring Road and more than two against.

During its Monday, Oct. 5 meeting, the two selectmen present, O’Sullivan and Dylan Clark, heard comments from residents of dirt roads in town.

Chair O’Sullivan said the idea of listening tonight to resident comments was to get more information before the Department of Works meeting Wednesday, Oct. 14 where the issue of paving the gravel roads would be on the agenda. He urged residents to attend the Zoom DPW meeting as well. O’Sullivan said the roads belong to the town and said the opinion of people not living on the roads counted as well.

Robyn Donati said gravel roads wash out at two spots during heavy rains; paving will make the road safer. Richard Donati also favored paving the road.

Ed Latka said it would be a terrible safety hazard to pave this road. He said he had photos of a wash-out last January at the corrugated bridge over Smith Brook. He said it was an area of concern and when flooded, water flows into a neighbor’s front yard. He said the town should have an engineer look at the bridge. He also said paving over the bridge would create more of a problem. Chair O’Sullivan encouraged him to bring the photos to the DPW meeting.

James Ambler said water was an issue on both the South Street and Stetson ends of the road. He said the town should take time for an engineering study and go from there.

Cody Bliss said 13 to 15 residents support paving.  
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## Family and community honor long time teacher



Hubbardston Center School bench dedicated in honor of former teacher Anne M. Richard. Shown with Mrs. Richard are her children from left, Michael Richard, Kathy Molesky, Jeanne Martone, Rosemary LeBeau and Robert Richard.

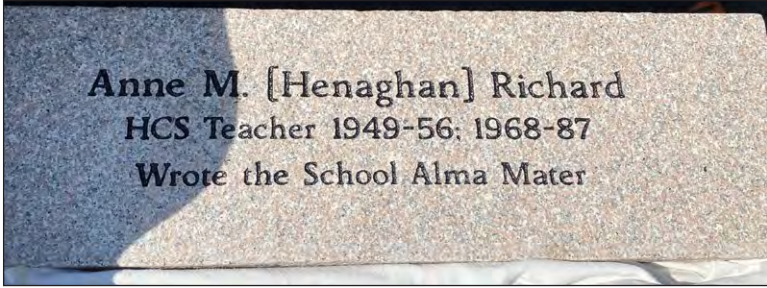
### Family dedicates bench to their mother, Anne Richard

HUBBARDSTON – More than 60 family members, friends, townspeople and former students of Anne Richard attended the ceremonies, which were conducted by Hubbardston Center School principal Jill Peterson.

Richard, a former Hubbardston Center School teacher Anne Richard, had a commemorative bench dedicated in her honor at a ceremony Thursday, Oct. 8 at the town’s elementary school.

Her children, former Hubbardston Center School students, came up with the idea for a bench dedication and purchased the bench to coincide with the 70th anniversary of their mother’s first year of teaching last year. Initially, the dedication was planned for last spring, but the COVID-19 suspension of school necessitated the move to last week.

Hubbardston Center School principal Peterson gave a brief summary of Richard’s teaching career and also introduced Dr. Sheila Muir, who was also in attendance. Richard’s son Mike, a former English teacher at Quabbin Regional High School, highlighted some anecdotes from



A former Hubbardston Center School teacher, Anne Richard’s family installed this engraved bench at the school to honor their mother’s teaching career.

his mother’s teaching career. In addition, Mrs. Richard spoke briefly, thanking those in attendance for being there for this special occasion.

Anne M. (Henaghan) Richard began teaching at Hubbardston

Center School in September of 1949, immediately after her graduation from Emmanuel College in Boston. She taught grades 2 and 3 for seven years

**See RICHARD page 5**

## Dylan’s lift seeks donations

RUTLAND – Dylan, an 11-year-old boy from Rutland, bravely lives each day fighting against what seems like endless setbacks and struggles.

“He feels defeated in this world a lot of the time because of pain and the things he wants to do like run, but somehow he always finds a way to pull it together and persevere. That is what I’m most proud of,” said Dylan’s mother.

Dylan was born almost four months early, coming into this world classified as a “micro-preemie” and he immediately picked up a severe infection from a port in his arm. This infection led to so many complications and last year at school Dylan suffered a stroke, which weakened the left side of his body.

This year Dylan underwent extensive surgery to replace his right shoulder, and recent visits have revealed that his body is not healing well from the procedure. Dylan and his family live in Rutland in a home that has served them well, but is not well-suited for their needs; moving is not an option.

He is able to walk in a limited and painful fashion on flat, smooth surfaces, but he uses a wheelchair to travel over distances and when he gets tired. Entering the house requires Dylan to navigate a total of fourteen steps and those steps have slowly shifted from difficult to nearly impossible. Now that Dylan is too big for his mother to carry, climbing those steps means Dylan has to pull himself up on his backside, with help from his mother or older sister. His arms have weakened, the shoulder replacement means he can no longer be lifted under the arms and winter will soon arrive. Last year, he had several winter slip and falls and even took his mother down in one of them.

How is Dylan going to get in and out of his home safely, and with dignity? In response, people in the community have come together to give Dylan a lift. With work donated by generous volunteers and contractors and with fund-raising

**See DYLAN page 5**

## Displaying the colors of fall



The trees around the cemetery behind the Oakham Congregational Church display fall colors.

## Girl Scout troop select Monarch garden as Silver Award

By Isabel Coviello  
Member of Girl Scout Troop 11809

HUBBARDSTON – At the end of Malone Road, down the winding streets of Hubbardston, people will find many great places to spend outdoors this fall before the weather gets too cold.

The many hiking trails compete with scenic overlooks and allow for a bit of fun in an outdoor setting.

Part of this outdoor setting is the beautiful butterfly garden, managed by Girl Scout Troop 11809. The garden attracts all sorts of insects and birds. Five girls from the troop, Destiny, Summer and Jasmine Young, Madison Kaijala, and Isabel Coviello, along with a few of their peers, tended the garden all year as a Silver Award project, one of the highest achievements for a Girl Scout. Each Scout had separate jobs to complete.

In collaboration with MonarchWatch.org, the Girl Scouts



Shown from left are Jasmine Young, Summer Young, Destiny Young, Isabel Coviello and Madison Kaijala. The Girl Scouts pose for a photo after installing a new sign dedicating the garden as a Monarch Waystation.

spent this past year working to turn this little garden into a Monarch Waystation in order to attract and protect local and endangered Monarchs, as well as other species of butterflies. The Girl Scout Silver award is an achievement, specifically for middle school age Girl Scouts, which combines community service, leadership and teamwork in a way that benefits the surrounding areas.

We have been coming to the garden every few weeks to plant fresh batches of native plants that attract butterflies, especially Monarchs. People can find milkweed, seasonal flowers and other beautiful species that fill the trails with life.

The Girl Scouts encourage people to visit the garden and enjoy the wonders of the natural beauty of Central Massachusetts.





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News of the Towns



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Womens Fellowship holding wreath sale

Due to the pandemic it has been decided that there will be no fair at the Barre Congregational Church this year. The Womens Fellowship will hold its annual wreath sale. The wreaths will be available the first week in December. They come decorated with a simple bow or with decoration of choice. The wreaths will be \$28 this year and are 14inches in diameter. People wishing to purchase a wreath may call Wendy Isgro at 978-928-5180.

Christmas in October craft fair

A Christmas in October craft fair sponsored by Christmas in Barre will be held Saturday, Oct. 24 on Barre South Common from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rain date is Sunday, Oct. 25. The craft fair features over 20 local artists and crafters find the perfect gift or stocking stuffer maple syrup, honey, handmade soaps, jellies and jams, vinegars, handmade knitted and crocheted items, pillows, handcrafted jewelry, headbands, wooden sign and decorations, candles, decorated gourds, painted bottles and jars, nature photography, magnets, calendars, greeting cards, candy cookies, wooden carvings, Christmas decorations, and much more.

Barre Scary Halloween

The town of Barre will be hosting its annual Barre Scary Halloween event Saturday, Oct. 31, from 5:30-7 pm. There will be Trunk or Treat, a haunted house and more activities for the family. People may contact Jessica Sizer, the Town Administrator, at 978-355-2504, extension 101 or jsizer@townofbarre.com if they are interested in reserving a parking spot for Trunk or Treat. People should follow all social distancing guidelines, wear a mask and don't forget a costume.

Second quarter taxes due Nov. 2

BARRE - Collector, Alex Haggerty reminds residents the Fiscal Year 2021 Real Estate and Personal Property second quarter tax bills are due Monday, Nov. 2.

Residents may pay online using a credit or debit card (fees apply), ACH transaction online, bank check or money order. To pay online, people may go to www.townofbarre.com. Additional payment options include U.S. mail or the payment drop box outside the Henry Woods Building, 40 West St. The Henry Woods Building is currently closed to the public.

Local Lions Clubs organize poker run

BARRE — The Ware Lions, Barre Lions and Monson Lions Clubs are working together to host a poker run Saturday, Oct. 24 from noon-4 p.m. Rain date is Sunday, Oct. 25. Registration is \$10. Participants should meet at noon at Barre Opticians, 395 Main St. Each Lions Club will award prizes including first place, \$50 gas card; second place, \$25 gas card and third place, \$15 gas card. Funds raised will be donated to Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund.

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Felton Field receives Barre Savings Charitable Foundation donation



Turley Publications Courtesy Photo  
**Barre Savings Charitable Foundation Directors are shown presenting Felton Field Commissioners with a check to repair the Pitisci Building. They are from left, Paul Cranston, Brian Cirelli and Tom Mertzic, Barre Savings Charitable Foundation Directors; Justin Pollard, Margo Petracone and Larry Marshall, Felton Field Commissioners.**

BARRE – The Barre Savings Charitable Foundation Directors Paul Cranston, Brian Cirelli and Tom Mertzic recently presented a \$13,000 grant check to Felton Field Commissioners, Justin Pollard, Margo Petracone and Larry Marshall in front of the Pitisci Building. The grant will be used by the

commission to help make major repairs to the Pitisci Building “Jockey Room,” which is attached to the side of the main building and in need of extensive repair.

The Barre Savings Charitable Foundation is dedicated to building a stronger local community by supporting those organizations

enriching the quality of life of others. Since it's establishment in 2016 after the merger of Barre Savings Bank and Fidelity Bank, the foundation provided over \$275,000 in grant money to local organizations in need. People may visit www.barresavings.org for more information and grant application.

Petersham Cultural Council seeks grant applications

PETERSHAM – The Massachusetts Cultural Council set Monday, Nov. 16 as the deadline for organizations, schools, and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community. All creative ideas are welcome.

These grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in the Quabbin region including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies or performances in schools, workshops and lectures. The PCC also gives grants for funding projects in the sciences and the humanities, such as historical or environmental education.

The Petersham Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils funded by the Massachusetts

Cultural Council. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

Previously funded projects include: Petersham Friday Market music, a first grade field trip to a plant life program at Mass Audubon and free ukelele lessons. The Petersham Cultural Council welcomes new and innovative ideas for grants.

Applicants may apply for grants for programs that take place during an 18 month window of eligibility between July 1, preceding the application

deadline in November, through Dec. 31 of the following year. This means that applicants may apply for projects, which have already happened or which happen prior to LCCs’ grant announcements, with the knowledge that funding is not guaranteed.

Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at www.mass-culture.org and find petersham after clicking on the applicants button, follow the directions under “apply now.” Applications should be submitted online.

If people have any questions about the application process, they may contact Jane Lynch Gilbert at jelynchg@umass.edu.

Hubbardston

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Golden Agers chance meeting times

The Hubbardston Golden Agers Have changed their meetings times from the first and third Thursday of each month to the first and third Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 21 from 1-3 p.m. For more information, people may call Bev, president, at 978-464-5041. All are welcome.

Library book club

The Hubbardston Library Book Club is starting up again. The librarian will drop off the first book at the Hubbardston Senior Center. People can pick it up here anytime after being delivered. The next meeting for the Book Club will be Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 11 a.m. at the senior center. Coffee will be served. Anyone who would like to join the book club should call Claudia at 978-928-1400, extension 211.

Medicare open enrollment

It's that time of year again for Medicare enrollment. During the annual Medicare Open Enrollment Period from Thursday, Oct. 15 through Tuesday, Dec. 7, people have a chance to change their Medicare plan for next year. A trained Serving Health Insurance Needs of Everyone counselor provides free unbiased help so people can better understand their plan changes, as well as options to save on Medicare healthcare costs. People may call the Hubbardston Senior Center at 978-928-1400, extension 211 and ask for a SHINE phone appointment.

Adult pastel workshop

The Hubbardston Public Library will once again host award-winning pastel artist, Gregory John Maichack to present an adult hands-on Georgia O’Keeffe inspired workshop, “The Miracle Flowers,” Tuesday, Oct. 20 from 6-8 p.m. This pastel painting workshop is designed for sheer beginners to experienced artists. Space is limited to eight participants and will fill quickly so people should call 978-928-4775 to pre-register as soon as possible. Participants will freely experiment with hundreds of the artist’s professional grade pastels, pastel pencils and pastel paper, in this fun pastel painting workshop. This project is supported in part by a grant from the Hubbardston Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Senior activities

The Hubbardston Senior Center is slowly opening. They have rented a 30 x 30 tent so that the seniors will be able to start some social activities outside, limited to 10 people at a time to start. People should call the senior center to register for any of the activities below: Mondays from 9 to 11 a.m. Coffee with Friends, from noon-3 p.m. Bingo: People should call Flo to register at 978-928-5113. Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. Walking Club Richard Hackett. Meet outside of center Wednesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. Coffee with Friends, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Trim Together 11 a.m. to noon, Book Club Thursdays 9 to 11 a.m., Walking Club. People may call Mel 978-928-5120 Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon. Meals on Wheels egg and food distribution. This schedule is subject to change.

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# News of the Towns

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

*Note: Many meetings are closed to the public or will be held remotely.*

### BARRE

QRSD Committee – Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m. postponed from Oct. 8  
Sewer Commission – Oct. 15 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Selectmen – Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m.  
Board of Assessors – Oct. 20 at 6 p.m.  
Planning Board – Oct. 20 at 7 p.m.  
Cemetery Commission – Oct. 22 at 11 a.m.  
Historical Commission – Nov. 2 at 7 p.m.  
Felton Field Commission – Nov. 3 at 6:30 p.m.  
Council on Aging – Nov. 4 at 1 p.m.  
Barre Housing Authority – Nov. 5 at 3 p.m.  
Board of Health – Nov. 9 at 5 p.m.

### HARDWICK

Board of Selectmen – Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m.  
Gilbertville Water District – Oct. 20 at 5:30 p.m.  
Conservation Commission – Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m.  
Town Hall Advisory Committee – Oct. 20 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Registrars – Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.  
Recycling Commission – Nov. 3 at 6:30 p.m.  
Board of Health – Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m.  
Paige Library Trustees – Nov. 5 at 7 p.m.  
Council on Aging – Nov. 12 at 9:30 a.m.  
Gilbertville Public Library – Nov. 13 at 4 p.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

Planning Board Hearing – Oct. 15 at 6:45 p.m. and Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m.  
Town Center Committee – Oct. 15 at 7 p.m.  
Council on Aging – Oct. 16 at 10 a.m.  
Board of Selectmen – Oct. 19, Nov. 2, Nov. 16 and Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m.  
Friends of the Hubbardston Senior Center – Oct. 21 at 1 p.m.  
Open Space Committee – Oct. 27 and Nov. 24 at 7 p.m.  
Conservation Commission – Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Library Trustees – Nov. 5 at 7 p.m.  
Historical Commission – Nov. 7 at 10 a.m.

### PETERSHAM

Board of Health – Oct. 15 and Nov. 5 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Assessors – Oct. 16 at 11 a.m.  
Planning Board – Oct. 22 at 7 p.m.  
Nichewaug Inn and Academy Committee 2020 – Oct. 26 at 6:30 p.m.  
Open Space and Recreation – Nov. 3 at 6:30 p.m.  
Conservation Commission – Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m.  
Council on Aging – Nov. 9 at 10 a.m.  
Cemetery Commission – Nov. 12 at 7 p.m.

### RUTLAND

Public Hearing Select Board – Oct. 19 at 6 p.m.

## Barre Lions Club helps with Nornay Park project



Turley Publications Courtesy Photo by Michelle Biron

Barre Lions Club members are shown at Nornay Park, South Barre by one of the five lights they worked to restore and install at the park. Lions members are, from left, John Sprague, Joseph Petracone, Sherri and Salvatore Imperato, Eva Champion, Ron Jacobs, Ray Beaudoin, Steve Clark, Michelle Biron, John and Brenda Wisniewski, Jean and Barry Allman and Kevaughn Williamson. The South Barre Common Committee thanks the Lions Club for making this project possible.

## Library offers hands-on adult pastel painting workshop on Oct. 20

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In this new, highly researched two-hour workshop, participants have fun producing their own pastel painting of Georgia O'Keeffe's elegant "Miracle Flowers." Gregory Maichack is a seasoned pro at teaching pastel techniques, as recognized by the Museum of Fine Arts Boston; Massachusetts Cultural Council and over 1,000 libraries and local cultural councils.

O'Keeffe's flowers have been described as a vehicle for pure expression, and everyone will find an expressive outlet in these flowers. Maichack will demonstrate again how beginners to accomplished artists can pastel paint easily using techniques of

masters such as O'Keeffe. As always, using pastel paper and Maichack's pastels, all will keep their 12 x 18" pastel paintings.

Maichack's workshops have been so well-liked, many libraries and senior centers have booked and rebooked him, often twice a year. "What I heard through students' comments reflects a teaching style that is rare: encouraging, positive and constructive, with information given in a style that students find approachable, accessible, and clear," said Melinda Georgeson, director of education at Norman Rockwell Museum.

Artist Gregory John Maichack lives in western Holyoke. He is a portraitist and painter working primarily in pastels. Winner of the Award of Merit from the Bennington Center for the Arts: Impressions of New England Show 2003, he also was awarded the Savoir-faire Pastel Award from the Great Lakes Pastel Society. Maichack was commissioned by Westfield State College to paint the pastel portrait of the past president of Westfield State University, Dr. Frederick Woodward, which was unveiled at the dedication of the Woodward Center and pastel painted dictionary great Charles Merriam.

unveiled by Merriam-Webster Co. at Merriam-Gilbert Library. He has been in many national juried shows and was awarded numerous Massachusetts Cultural Council grants. In addition to portraiture, his still lifes and landscapes are represented by galleries from Kennebunkport, Maine to San Francisco, California. People may visit his new web site at [www.GregoryMaichack.com](http://www.GregoryMaichack.com).

Maichack has been a faculty member of the Museum Studio School in the Fine Arts Museum Quadrangle in Springfield and taught at Holyoke and Greenfield Community Colleges, Westfield State University, East Works, the MFA, Boston and The Guild, Northampton. Maichack's pastel paintings have been selected twice for the Annual National Exhibition of the Academic Artists Association and as a result Maichack was invited to be a member of this prestigious organization.

This project is supported in part by a grant from the Hubbardston Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

## Oakham

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## Selectmen change STM date

Due to the upcoming election Nov. 3, the Board of Selectmen voted to change the date of the Special Town Meeting from Monday, Nov. 2 to Monday Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. It will be held at the Oakham Fire Department, Barre Road.

### Senior grab and go lunches

The Back Door Cafe started providing grab and go lunches. The lunches feature meal site meals and are available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. To place a reservation for a meal, peoples must call 508-882-5251 at least 48 hours ahead. They may order meals for more than one day to make it easier. Seniors should call Tuesday for a Thursday meal and call Thursday for a Monday meal, as the site is not open Fridays. People then drive to the back of the Oakham Town Hall at the time arranged. They stay in their vehicle while receiving their meal. Suggested donation for each meal is \$2.50.

### Church services

Sunday, Oct. 18 the Oakham Congregational Church will hold its 10 a.m. worship service. Sunday School will be held. Weather permitting it will be held outside on the common. People should bring their own chair and wear a mask. If it rains, services will be inside the church. People will be directed to an entrance and will practice social distancing in the sanctuary.

## Town clerk lists election information

OAKHAM – The Oakham Town Clerk announces the last date to register to vote in the Tuesday, Nov. 3 State Election is Saturday, Oct. 24 at the Oakham Town Hall from 2-4 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 3. Early voting in person will be held Saturday, Oct. 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 24 from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Oct. 19 from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 23 from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday, Oct. 26 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Friday, Oct. 30 from 10 a.m. to noon in the voting room at the Oakham Town Hall. No more mail in request will be sent out if not received in the town clerk's office by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28. They may be dropped off in the blue drop box at the town hall. The town clerk will be in her office at 5 p.m. to get the requests. Voters, who have requested an Absentee or Early Voting by mail ballot now have the ability to track their ballot through the Massachusetts Secretary of State's website at <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/wheredoivotema/track/trackmyballot.aspx>. All registered voters in Massachusetts will automatically receive an application to apply for a mailed ballot. Voters may return these applications in order to receive a ballot by mail, may choose to vote early in-person or on Election Day. Mailed ballots may be returned by mail or delivered to the blue drop box located by the front entrance of Oakham Town Hall. If people have any trouble accessing the Track My Ballot System or have any other election questions, they may call the Oakham Town Clerk's office at 508-882-5549, extension 305.

## Barre Dining Center

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of Oct. 19.

Meal sites are closed and there are only Meals on Wheels deliveries.

Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MON. – Chicken Mornay, couscous, Roman blend vegetables, apple graham, marble rye bread

TUES. – Meatloaf with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, Tuscan vegetables, mixed fruit, whole wheat bread

WED. – Roast turkey and gravy, mashed sweet potatoes, green peas, cinnamon pears, French bread

THURS. – Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, green beans, cheesecake mousse, Italian bread

FRI. – Baked fish with parmesan cream sauce, lemon seasoned rice, California vegetables, fresh fruit, pumpernickel bread

\*Diabetic friendly dessert

\*\*Higher sodium entree

Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$2.50 per meal helps keep the program running.

## Places to go... Things to do...

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Opinion

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Explaining the mystery of spousal benefits

By Russell Gloor  
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: From what I've researched, the formula for spousal benefits seems very complicated. I read somewhere that it was a good idea to start the lower earning spouse's benefit at age 62, and have the higher earning spouse file at full retirement age, for the spouse to get maximum benefit. But that information does not seem correct from other things I've read. Please help me clear this up. My wife's birth year is 1956 and she now gets \$656/month in Social Security benefits after claiming at 62. I have not claimed my benefits yet and Social Security's estimator says I qualify for about \$2,850/month when I reach full retirement age. My birth year was 1957. So, if I take my benefit now at 63 will my wife's benefit go up? And if I wait until my full retirement age to claim, will she get half of my benefit? I've tried to research all of this, but it is still very unclear. Signed: Seeking Knowledge

Dear Seeking: Yes, the spousal benefit formula is complicated, especially when both of you are entitled to your own Social Security benefits. And there's never a simple answer to whether it is a good idea for the lower earning spouse to start benefits first at age 62. For one thing, it depends upon whether they are still working, but it also depends upon health, life expectancy, and need for the money early.

Nevertheless, if your wife's current age 62 benefit is \$656, then her benefit at her full retirement age (had she waited) would have been about \$895. This is known as her Primary Insurance Amount, or "PIA." Spouse benefits are computed using PIA amounts, so if your full retirement age benefit will be \$2,850, here's how your wife's spousal benefit will be calculated if you claim your Social Security after your wife has already reached her FRA:

- 50% of your FRA benefit (PIA) is \$1,425. Because your wife's PIA is \$895, her spousal boost is \$530 (\$1,425 - \$895). Her spousal boost (\$530) will be added to her actual early benefit (\$656) and her new benefit amount as your spouse, at her FRA, will be about \$1,186. Obviously, less than half of your FRA benefit amount.

The computation changes if you claim your Social Security benefit now, before your wife has reached her full retirement age, because getting her spouse benefit before her FRA means her spousal boost will be reduced (she automatically gets her spousal benefit when you claim).

The reduction to the spousal boost is actuarial, according to the number of months before her FRA that it is taken. If you were to claim now when your wife is 64, her spousal benefit would be computed like this:

- The spousal boost amount of \$530 would be reduced because your wife hasn't yet reached her FRA. Instead of the full \$530 spousal boost, it would be reduced to about \$442. The reduced spousal boost is added to your wife's early Social Security benefit of \$656, for a total benefit of about \$1,098. Once again, less than 50% of your FRA benefit amount.

So, as you can see, because your wife took her own benefit at age 62, she cannot get a spousal benefit equal to 50% of your FRA benefit, regardless of when you claim. If you claim your Social Security before your wife reaches her FRA, your wife's spousal boost amount will be reduced, further lowering the total benefit amount your wife is entitled to as your spouse. The basic rule is this: any time any Social Security benefit is taken before one reaches their full retirement age, that benefit is reduced. And a spouse who claims their own SS retirement benefit before FRA will never get a spouse benefit equal to 50% of the other spouse's PIA.

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In Past Pages

5 years ago (Oct. 15, 2015)

Matthew Twarog, of Hubbardston, broke the five-mile course record with a time of 29 minutes, 14 seconds at the Station Loop Ramble. Simonetta Piergentill, of Wilmington, was the women's winner at 35:03.

Dunroamin Country Club owner Tony Staiti and his family will be celebrating five decades of golf this coming Sunday. Located in the scenic village of Gilbertville, the country club has seen numerous generations of golfers play throughout those decades. Although this golf course is very popular with area players, some may not know about the unique history that lies beneath this golf course's legacy. The Dunroamin Country Club officially opened in July 1966. However, prior to being designed as a golf course, it was a training facility for racehorses. Tony's father, Frank, bought the property in 1954 and built a race track and corrals in the area that today is the golf course's clubhouse. He was successful in his business and even bought one of his best horses from Mrs. Kellogg from the Kellogg's Corn Flakes Company. In 1958, the family faced a trying ordeal when Tony's stepmother, Ethel, had major open-heart surgery. Tony described that back then open-heart surgery meant that patients were only given 2 to 5 years to live. After the diagnosis, his father and stepmother left the farm under the care of Tony and his brother. They bought an Oldsmobile and traveled across the country for three and a half months. Upon returning home, Ethel told her family that she was, "All done roaming and ready to die now." Hence the name of the country club, "Dunroamin."

Event though the Quabbin versus Quaboag field hockey game was stopped 2 seconds into the contest, it left plenty of time for the players from both teams to go inside and celebrate the birthday of Quabbin team manager Lisa Rollins. Rollins had her picture taken with both teams, along with another one with captains Tiana Morin, Jillian Schlegel and Jillian Nichols from Quabbin and Sarah Duff, Emily Bouchard and Claire Granger from Quaboag.

10 years ago (Oct. 21, 2010)

Petersham residents will now be bale to donate their old eyewear to help the millions of people around the world who are pushed into poverty because of their inability to see better. The Petersham Memorial Library Board of Trustees has allowed the Petersham Lions Club to place an eyeglass collection center in the library. The center, which was installed two weeks ago, is a discarded U.S. mailbox, which was obtained by Petersham Lion Larry Robinson, restored by him and then decorated and placed in the library by Lions Lynn and Cy Scott. Donated eyeglasses will be collected once a month and sent to a local recycling center, where they will be prepared for distribution and then shipped to humanitarian distributions teams and Lions clinics. The center is located just inside

LOOK BACK  
Halloween in Hubbardston - 1995



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Hannah and Molly DeLisle are a couple of cute flowers.

the library entrance.

The Barre High Class of 1960 held their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion at the Four Points hotel in Fitchburg on Sept. 17 and 18. On Friday they had 12 classmates in attendance and Alan Houston MD, who had left the class in freshman year, from Colorado made the trip to visit the Friday group. Mike and Sheila Hudson, who live near the hotel, stopped by to say hello, as did Mert Baker one of the many teachers they had at Barre High School. On Saturday night, 24 of the class showed up for the banquet for a total of 40 for the sit down dinner. Seven class members have passed away and 12 could not attend.

After eight years of closure, the historic covered bridge in Hardwick/Ware is open once again. The rehabilitation project that began a little over a year ago is complete. The project included installation of 5-inch deck planks, a standing-seam aluminum roof, crash-tested safety railings, new support beams under the bridge, new floor joists, new railings and a fire-detection system. A fire alarm was also installed on the bridge so if a fire is detected, a signal is sent to the Hardwick and Ware Fire Departments. The project has been a cooperative effort between the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (DOT) and the towns of Hardwick and Ware. The bridge was built in 1887. The plaque on the front of the bridge says 1886, but after some research from Town Historian Emily Bancroft, it was indicated that it was actually built in 1887. New plaques were installed on the Hardwick and Ware sides of the bridge stating that the property has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of Interior.

25 years ago (Oct. 19, 1995)

At the recent Rice family reunion, one of the Rices who was not mentioned was James A. Rice, who was a farmer with extensive holdings in the north-western section of Barre in Rice Village. With few exceptions, Mr. Rice and various members of the Hawes family owned almost all of the wood-

lands and farms from Rice Village along the Phillipston Road to the Williamsville Road, according to a three-part reminiscence published in the Barre Gazette in 1952. To author Horace McK. Hatch, Rice cut a fine figure in his white suit and high black boots, riding a white horse as marshal at the Barre Cattle Show and Fair in the early 1900s. When asked about his ambitions, the young Hatch stated, "I want to be just like James Rice when I grow up." Rice's wife, Lucy, is remembered for her service to Barre's students, teaching art at Barre High School for many years.

Aaron Airoldi, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Airoldi of Hubbardston, is a junior this year at Carrabassett Valley Academy, located at the base of Sugarloaf/USA in Carrabassett Valley, Maine. Airoldi, who was the most improved player on the Quabbin Regional Junior High School soccer team in 1994, plays midfield on the CVA junior varsity soccer team. As part of his preparation for CVA's rigorous on-snow training, which generally begins on the challenging terrain at Sugarloaf/USA in early November, Airoldi participated in the Kingfield Bank annual 10K run on Sept. 25.

The Grandview Tenants Association celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary recently. Entertaining the residents were Mixed Company, made up of director Carol Posey, pianist Tola Benedict, bass Chris Perry, soprano Laura Guilbault, alto Karla Peterson and tenor Bob Varnot. The residents listened to the singing before going to Barre Mill Restaurant for dinner. The restaurant accommodated the group when the caterer mistakenly marked down the wrong date.

38 years ago (Oct. 20, 1982)

Mrs. Olga Berry from Brockton is visiting with her brother, Harry Fritscher of Barre Plains and her nephew and wife Mr. and Mrs. John Fritscher.

Miss Cheryl Lee Bassingthwaite of Gardner was guest of honor at

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Guest Column

Adventures of Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear Folks,

All is quiet on the home front so far this morning. Folks, I don't care if I ever hear a telephone ring again. It has been wild around here between telemarketers and others.

It seems that Missy's daughter put a picture of her holding one of Missy's rag rugs on Facebook.

Ever since, the telephone has been ringing constantly with congratulations and requests for rugs asking if they are for sale and could they place an order. Missy doesn't sell them, but gives them to friends or makes them for family members.

Right now she has two to get get down before Christmas for her granddaughter and a cousin. That machine will be a humming all the time for quite a while. All that fabric given to her in January will finally disappear. Maybe, I will get my dinners on time again soon. Breakfast is no problem only dinners. She still remembers to give me my treats.

Hurray, she recently got a new birdhouse to replace the one a raccoon destroyed. She decided to put it up today and guess what? She invited me to go out on the deck with her. Wow, what a treat. There are lots of leaves on the deck and I am having a ball playing with them and jumping up and down.

My antics made Missy laugh. We even went down the ramp to inspect the last of her flowers and that was fun.

Now it is tie to go back inside. Darn, I was so enjoying my treat. She is back at the sewing machine and I am looking over a new wide plastic bag, which she recently received from the clinic. She has something in it, but the things tip out nicely, so I will crawl into it like I do with a big paper bag as I need to have a nice nap after all my outside activity.

Have a good week folks, It will soon be time to turn back our clocks as winter approaches.

Love,  
Gertrude



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This week's mystery photo is from Barre. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com) or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, Oct. 18. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week's edition. Robert Augustine, Gary Brigham, Dick Clark, Stephen Craven, Kelley Ford, Vinnie Hand, Rosemary Horan, Gail Krikorian, David Nelson, Barbara Laborde, Raul Laborde, Ida LaRose, Beverly Leveillee, Michael O'Hearn, Judy Ruskowski, Carol Semon, Laurie Sheridan, Bruce Townner and Phillip Warbasse correctly identified the photo. Last week's photo was the old Old Rutland Fire Station by the cemetery on Rte. 122A, Rutland. Corrections from last week, Bruce Townner's name was spelled incorrectly as one of people, who identified the mystery photo.

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before leaving to give birth and raise her five children. When the youngest started first grade, she returned to teach sixth grade during the afternoon for principal, Roy Grandone, while he tended to school business. She taught English, spelling and reading for another 19 years before her retirement in 1987.

During her years at Hubbardston Center School, she also served as the girls' basketball and softball coach. However, her enduring legacy was writing the words to the school alma mater in 1951 in collaboration with Hazel Homans, who wrote the music.

Her five children – Michael Richard, Kathy Molesky, Rosemary LeBeau, Jeanne Martone and Robert Richard – all attended Hubbardston Center School. She was married to her husband, Louis Richard for 55 years before his death in 2009.

As she readies to turn 94 next month, she is the oldest living



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Mrs. Richard thanks those in attendance for being at the ceremony, flanked by her children Michael Richard, Kathy Molesky, Jeanne Martone and Robert Richard.

former teacher of Hubbardston Center School. She still enjoys her hobby of writing poetry, and

continues to keep in contact with many of her former students over Facebook.

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through GoFundMe, churches and other community groups, the goal is to install a vertical wheelchair lift for Dylan and his family by Thanksgiving.

The community is raising \$25,000 for the lift, which will immediately help Dylan and remove one more painful hurdle. This money will also provide peace and hope to a single mother trying to navigate incredible challenges, encouragement to a family that often feels alone and overwhelmed and love to a young man, who has overcome so many obstacles.

Despite these challenges, Dylan remains eternally optimistic. He believes that God has kept him alive for a reason and

he wants to the world to know "that if you don't give up and remain positive...blessings will always come."

People may donate online at <https://gf.me/u/y28apn> or they can mail checks made out to Immanuel Lutheran Church marked "Dylan's Lift" to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 346 Shrewsbury St., Holden, MA 01520.

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Dylan, 11, of Rutland sits on the steps of his Rutland home. The community is raising money to build a lift at Dylan's home so he can enter and leave his house easily.



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a birthday supper Sunday at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bassingthwaite. Celebrating her twelfth birthday with her were her father and brother, Eric, her cousins Michael and Kevin Gordon from Orange, her grandparents and Uncle Richard.

"One hundred and twenty-five miles is a long ride on horseback," said Helen Connington who informed us of this event, but such is the project to occur on Oct. 21, 22, 23 and 24. The committee in charge, under the direction of Sylvia Faure of Shrewsbury and several local residents, is making plans for much of the ride to take part in this area. Riders from great-

er New England will start each morning from Camp Marshall in Spencer and then follow back roads and wood trails through Paxton, Oakham, Hubbardston, Rutland and Barre back to the 4-H camp in Spencer, where riders and their mounts will be housed. On Thursday contestants will cover 40

miles, the same distance Friday, 20 miles on Saturday and an additional competition of a 25-mile ride on Sunday. Awards will be presented at the completion of the ride. Mrs. Connington remarked, "A long time to sit in the saddle? Maybe, but horseback riders are a rugged lot!"

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## In My Backyard by Ellenor Downer

I have a small flock of six white-throated sparrows feeding on the ground under my feeder. As the name implies, the male has a white throat, a gray breast with faint streaks. The crown is dark with buff or white central stripe. The eyebrow is white or tan with a yellow mark in front.

Females have less bold pattern on the crown, grayer throat, duller yellow before the eye and more streaking on the breast. The immature sparrows look like the female. There are two morphs of this species, white and tan, based on the color of the eyebrows. Breeding pair usually contains one bird from each morph.

White-throated sparrows feed on the ground and eat weed seeds, grain, fruit and insects. At feeders, they eat cracked corn, sunflower seed and millet from tray feeders or scattered on the ground. They inhabit coniferous and mixed woods and brushy areas. Their song is two whistled notes followed by higher, quavering notes

like "sweet sweet Canada Canada Canada." Calls are "tseet" when birds are in flocks and "pink" in alarm.

The female lays four to six blue-green eggs with dark marks in a cuplike nest of grasses lined with hair or rootlets placed on the ground under a small tree or shrub. They summer in Canada.

### Juncos

The dark eyed juncos are back. They are one of my favorite winter birds and I love to watch them. I saw two in my yard this weekend. I also noticed a small flock fly up from the side of the road while driving. They will spend the winter here and head back to the tundra in the spring.

### Flying turkeys

Saturday I saw a wild turkey take off to roost for the night. A second turkey followed the other one. The turkeys ran on the road, took flight and headed to the night roost in a tree. I was surprised how fast they can run. I probably saw the last two birds

of a larger flock take flight.

I usually see wild turkeys almost daily as I travel. The number varies from a few Toms to flocks up to a dozen of hens and their almost grown young.

### Gray catbirds

I am still seeing the gray catbirds in my yard. They winter along the east coast to Florida and the Gulf States.

### Birds at the feeder

Black-capped chickadees, white-breasted nuthatches, tufted titmice, blue jays, cardinals and downy woodpeckers come to the feeder daily. I am feeding shelled peanuts and they are a favorite of the birds. The sparrows eat the millet the other birds drop on the ground.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100 or emailing [mybackyard88@aol.com](mailto:mybackyard88@aol.com) or [r@turley.com](mailto:r@turley.com).

## Postponements and cancellations due to the coronavirus pandemic

Grandview Terrace Association bazaar will not be held this October.

Next year's Apple County Fair will be Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021 on the Brookfield Common.

St. Mary's Women's Club of Orange cancelled its Annual Fall Parish Fair. The decision was made to cancel the fair and try to hold the fair or at least parts of the fair, in the spring. It is

unclear yet what this means, but most likely the chili, beans, beef stew and pies will be offered as take out and the raffles for cash and scratch tickets, restaurant gift certificates, etc. will be held in the spring. Club members will be soliciting gift certificates after the New Year for the Restaurant Raffle, and members will be selling raffle tickets in early spring. The date for the fair and drawings will be set in the

early spring.

The Barre Congregational Church Womens Fellowship decided to not hold its fair this year due to the pandemic. They will hold the annual wreath sale. The wreaths will be available the first week of December. The wreaths will be \$28 this year and are 14 inches in diameter. To order a wreath people should call Wendy Isgro, at 978-928-5180.

## Rutland to hold Halloween house decorating contest

RUTLAND – CTMS, Glenwood and Naquag PTO's have collaborated with the Rutland 4th of July Committee to bring Rutland's first ever and sure to be annual Halloween house decorating contest.

Deadline to register to get on the map and be prize eligible is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15.

Registration may be completed on the online Google form at [https://](https://forms.gle/m8H5cMUZiqKWB96A)

[forms.gle/m8H5cMUZiqKWB96A](https://forms.gle/m8H5cMUZiqKWB96A). People may email questions to [ctmspto@gmail.com](mailto:ctmspto@gmail.com).

There are details to donate \$20 to the organization of one's choice either electronically or by cash/check at the bottom of the Google form.

The display must be drive by, spectator ready for voting and viewing by Friday, Oct. 23, fully lit if applicable nightly at least from dusk to 9 p.m through Saturday, Oct. 31.

Judging will be done by the public via a voting link that will be posted on Oct. 23.

Photos will be posted to the Facebook Event page at <https://fb.me/e/4JAX6NtM2> and to the CTMS PTO Instagram page.

Grand prize, first, second and third will be announced on Friday, Oct. 30 at noon. Link to the Facebook Event Page is <https://fb.me/e/4JAX6NtM2>.

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# Cub Scouts hit the trails

By Paula Ouimette

WARE— Ware Family Pack 520's Cub Scouts have started their Scouting year off with two outdoor adventures. Cub Scouts from Pack 520 hail from Ware, Hardwick and surrounding towns. Meetings resumed outdoors on Sept. 8 and the Pack quickly planned their kickoff outing with a hike at Purgatory Chasm in Sutton. Pack 520 participates in two hikes a month, with one being more challenging than the other. Purgatory Chasm certainly provided a challenge to the Cub Scouts, as they carefully navigated the difficult terrain.

Purgatory Chasm State Reservation is a Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) state park. Cub Scouts followed the Chasm Loop Trail, hiking through the chasm itself. The rocks in the chasm are smooth, and often difficult to find footing on, but the Scouts carefully followed the trail blazes to find the safest path. During the hike, the Cub Scouts were on a littering scavenger hunt, collecting any trash they found along the way. This scavenger hunt was a fun way to teach the Scouts about the Outdoor Code and



Turley Publications Photos by Paula Ouimette  
**Members of Ware Family Pack 520 get ready to hike the Chasm Loop Trail at Purgatory Chasm in Sutton.**

Leave No Trace. The hike concluded with a celebratory visit to the ice cream truck parked near the trailhead. The Pack's next adventure was closer

## The Cub Scouts took several turns walking along the balance beam at the Gilbertville Fitness Trail.

to home, with a trip to the Gilbertville Fitness Trail. The trail features multiple workout stations that the Scouts were able to try. The Ware River runs alongside the Fitness Trail and provided a the Scouts an opportunity to search for fish and frogs. After completing the stations, Cubmaster Chris Boos had the Pack search for several varieties of trees. They were able to identify maple, red oak, white oak, silver birch, black birch and white birch.

Boys and girls in grades kindergarten-5th grade are welcome to join Cub Scouts. For more information, people may contact Cubmaster Chris Boos at 413-345-0448 or lotecredneck3.3@gmail.com or stop by a meeting on



**The Chasm Loop Trail provided a challenging hike for the Cub Scouts**

Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Eden Masonic Lodge A.F. & A.M., entering via Storrs Street. Ware Family Pack 520's next adventure will be a Raingutter Regatta on Saturday, Oct. 24 at the Earle F. Howe American Legion Post 123, 45 Maple St.

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dents on Loring Road favored paving it and the majority should rule. Whitney Marshall said she was in favor of paving the road. In the present condition, it damaged vehicles.

A few residents from Grogan Road also made comments. Jen D'Mauro said she loved the dirt road and paving it would cause speeding and make it dangerous to walk along. Lisa Tarbin of Grogan Road said it would be more dangerous and likely to damage vehicles as gravel. David Petrovick said he drove farm equipment on the road. He said it would be cheaper in the long haul to keep it gravel.

### Waiver of first refusal

Selectmen approved the waiver of first refusal for a lot on Farrington Road, currently in Chapter 61. The owner planned to sell three-acres to a buyer for \$30,000, who wants to build a house. Chair O'Sullivan said he personally did not see any reason to not waive the town's right of first refusal. Selectman Clark asked if the town heard from the Conservation Commission on the matter. O'Sullivan said in a letter Conservation pointed out the proximity to watershed and wetlands. The two selectmen voted to waive right of first refusal on the lot.

### Requests for use of town property

The board approved a request to use the Common for Barre Scary Halloween Saturday, Oct. 31 and voted to waive the fee. Selectman O'Sullivan said he was fully in favor of holding Halloween and trick or treating. He said anyone uncomfortable with handing out treats, could turn off the light and not participate. Parents uncomfortable about having children participate, do not need to send their children trick or treating.

Selectmen also approved the use of town property and waived the fee for MOC in conjunction with the Woods Memorial Library to hold a story walk on town property, Thursday, Oct. 29.

### COVID-19 update

Town Administrator Jessica Sizer said the state allowed a capacity increase for low risk communities. The numbers increased from 50 to 100 for outside and 25 to 50 for inside. She said the town had two positive cases.

### CARES Act

The town administrator said the town would be purchasing cameras for ballot boxes with CARES Act funds. The cameras would take the place of a human standing by the boxes. Other purchases included security camera for the foyer at the Henry Woods Building, message boards for police and fire, a power loading stretcher for the ambulance and police uniforms.

### Other business

R. J. McDonald sent a letter regarding trimming of branches on trees near the common. Selectmen will pass the letter to the DPW.

Selectmen received a letter from the town of Douglas selectmen. In the letter, Douglas selectmen said they were disappointed with Massachusetts Municipal Association's position on police reform legislation. Selectman Clark said he was not prepared to make any comments as he was not familiar with the legislation. Selectman O'Sullivan said our state Senator and state Representative were working hard against this legislation. The board would discuss the letter with selectman Matthew Urban and decide whether to send a similar letter to the MMA.

The town administrator said the town received a letter from Energy and Environmental Affairs designating Barre a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Community. She said the previous town administrator Andrew Golas applied for this designation. She also said the town would be eligible for MVP Action grants.

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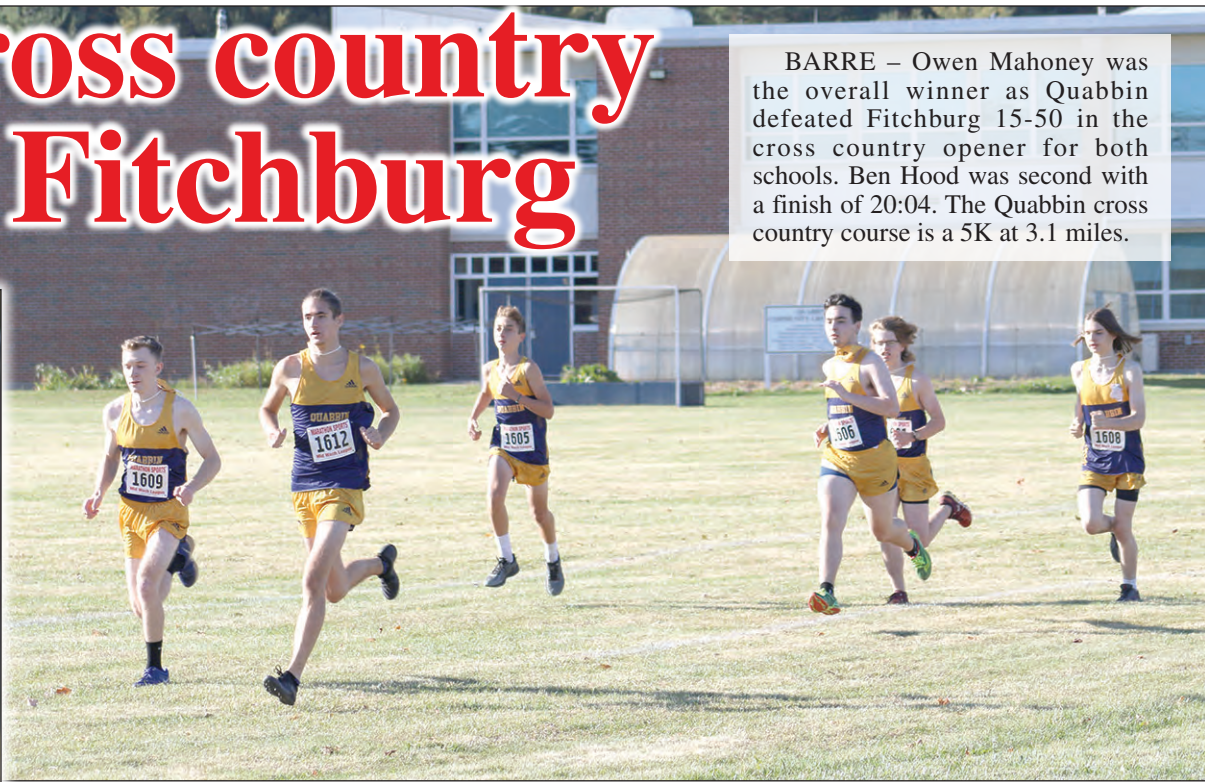
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## Boys cross country sweeps Fitchburg



Owen Mahoney gets ready to complete the course.



BARRE – Owen Mahoney was the overall winner as Quabbin defeated Fitchburg 15-50 in the cross country opener for both schools. Ben Hood was second with a finish of 20:04. The Quabbin cross country course is a 5K at 3.1 miles.

Photos by Melina Bourdeau

The Quabbin boys track team starts off on their course.



Tucker Dawson pursues an opponent as he comes out of the woods.



Jack Prentiss makes his way to the finish.

## Photos wanted for Panthers sports

BARRE – With the upcoming season and a limited number of games and opportunities to feature fall athletes, the Barre Gazette is in need of and is welcoming any and all photo submissions of fall sports beginning next week. If you are interested in either taking or submitting photos from Quabbin home games for use in the Barre Gazette, please contact editor Gregory A. Scibelli at sports@turley.com.

## Help feature your student-athletes

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
gscibelli@turley.com

The fall season is underway and Turley Publications has been back out covering the action for the first two weeks.

We continue to ask for help on this season in order to bring the best coverage we can possibly manage and fill our pages with names and color.

We know that fans will be limited to the home crowds, but that is where you all come in.

We have a limited number of staff to start the school year due to the pandemic, and while we strive to get to as many games as possible, we cannot get to everywhere.

If you are a parent, coach, or even player, and you have information or photographs to share, we definitely want to hear from you.

If you don't see one of our photographers at a game, please feel free to send your own action photos of games in order to bolster our coverage. If you are interested in regularly submitted photos, please do contact us.

Otherwise, we would love to hear from anyone who reports scores, details, and any milestones that occur during this unprecedented

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## Pioneers shut out



Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Jylian Auger makes the save for the Pioneers.

PALMER – Pathfinder girls soccer was shut out in their season opener last Monday afternoon against Palmer 7-0. Jylian Auger made 12 saves.



A Pathfinder midfielder sends a pass through the middle.



A pair of opponents vie for the loose ball.



The ball gets trapped between two players.

## Buffone takes Street Stock Open at World Series event

THOMPSON, Conn. — Belchertown, MA's Christopher Buffone was both good and lucky on his way to the \$1,000 win in the Street Stock Open at Connecticut's Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park on Friday, October 9. Buffone inherited the lead with less than two laps remaining in the 25-lap feature and took the victory on the first night of the 58th Annual Sunoco World Series of Speedway Racing.

The youngster had surrendered the lead to Pascoag, RI's Chad Baxter on the 17th circuit. With laps winding down, it seemed Buffone could only watch Baxter

drive off into the night. However, as the field entered turn one after getting the two-to-go signal, Baxter's engine went up in a cloud of smoke. His loss was Buffone's gain as the latter sped to a thrilling victory in his first-ever start at Thompson Speedway.

Incredibly, it was the third time one of Buffone's challengers had been waylaid by mechanical troubles. Buffone earned the pole by charging from 12th to 4th in his qualifying race, netting him a +8 under the "plus-minus" system. After leading the first seven laps,

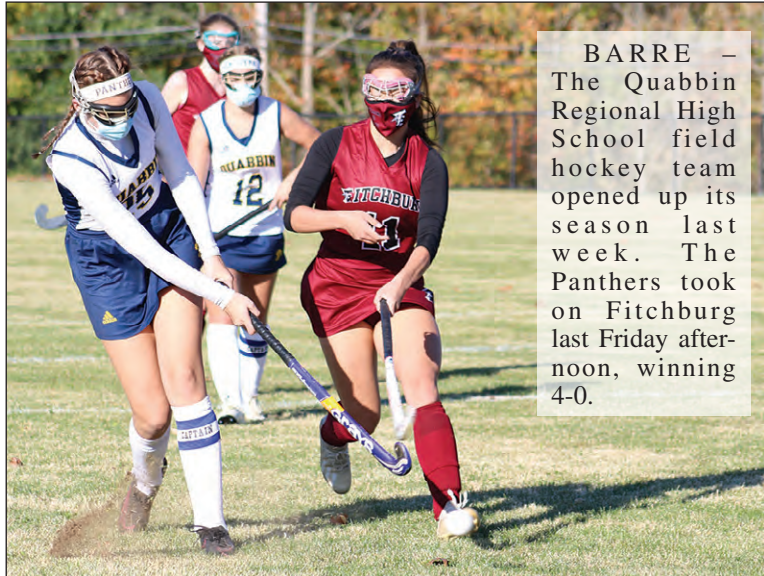
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Submitted photo

Christopher Buffone, of Belchertown, was the winner in the Street Stock event last weekend.

## Quabbin field hockey opens



BARRE – The Quabbin Regional High School field hockey team opened up its season last week. The Panthers took on Fitchburg last Friday afternoon, winning 4-0.

Photos by Melina Bourdeau

Sydney Bolger sends a pass away ahead of her opponent.



Quabbin field hockey opened up its season against Fitchburg last week



Madysan Alyes tries to score a goal.



Alison Michalik tries to outrun her opponent.



Shelly Tremblay balances the ball off her stick.

## Turley Sports joins Instagram

Turley Publications sports department has recently joined Instagram. You can find our account by searching "turleysports." We will regularly feature samples of photos that you will see in our publications on a weekly basis. Please follow and share with your friends and loved ones. We will be featuring photos from all 11 of our sports sections in the coming weeks, but as always, you can see all the photos that appear by subscribing to your local paper or picking up a copy in your community.







# Church News

## Operation Christmas Child continues to provide for children

BAREE – As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to cause fear and uncertainty, Samaritan’s Purse is calling on churches and families to pack more shoebox gifts than ever before for Operation Christmas Child—making sure millions of children experience the Good News and great joy of the holiday. Samaritan’s Purse is committed to its mission of reaching millions of children across the globe with hope.

“Much of the world has been gripped with fear, and this is especially hard for children,” said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan’s Purse. “Now more than ever, these boys and girls need to know God loves them. Operation Christmas Child delivers the hope found only in Jesus Christ.”

The Samaritan’s Purse project has been collecting and delivering shoebox gifts—filled with school supplies, hygiene items and fun toys—to children worldwide for

more than two decades. This is a mission project that everyone can still be a part of, even with COVID-19 restrictions. Simply pack shoeboxes with school supplies, hygiene items and fun toys. Then, bring them to one of more than 4,000 Drop-Off Locations during National Collection Week Nov. 16-23. Drop-Off Locations will be listed starting in early November at [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org) and can be searched by city or ZIP code.

Even if churches and groups are not yet meeting, families are encouraged to pack shoebox gifts at home. Through Operation Christmas Child’s network of thousands of churches around the world, God uses these simple gifts to make an eternal impact.

The organization also offers an option to virtually pack a shoebox gift. Through this online tool, churches and groups can also set up a goal page to rally together to reach a larger goal. It’s easy—sim-

ply set a goal, invite your friends, and start packing! Whether your goal is 50 shoeboxes or 5,000, anyone can Create a Goal Page and work together with church members, friends, and family to share the hope of the Gospel with children around the world.

Those interested in more information on Operation Christmas Child COVID-19 protocols, can visit Important COVID-19 Updates for the latest information and answers to Frequently Asked Questions.

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan’s Purse, seeks to demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 178 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 160 countries and territories.

## Local pastors offer sermons

### Foundations

I have never been good with my hands. I may be able to turn a phrase, but I cannot seem to swing a hammer. Thus, when we added an addition to our church facility a few years back, I watched the contractor and his team with admiration and awe. To this day I am amazed at how effortless they made everything look.

Looking back, it surprised me how much time and effort they put into the foundation of the new structure. Through painstaking labor and meticulous attention to detail, they worked to establish a secure base for the new space. Why? Because the building would not endure if the foundation was fundamentally flawed or compromised. It turns out that you cannot overstate the importance of a solid foundation!

These earthly principles possess rich spiritual overtones. As we transition from basic construction to more religious matters, please allow me to ask you the following questions:

What (precisely) is your foundation?

What are you building your life upon?

Is it truly solid, secure and immovable?

You see, not all foundations are created equally...

Could it be that your foundation is financial prosperity? Many feel safe, secure and personally fulfilled when they have burgeoning bank accounts. However, I would advise against such a foundation. I have lived long enough to see people lose everything on multiple occasions. If 2020 has shown us anything, it is the uncertainty of economic stability.

Could it be that your foundation is good health? It is easy to feel safe, secure and fulfilled when you are healthy. However, I would advise against such a foundation. Tragically, sickness often comes both swiftly and unexpectedly. I wonder how many people never thought of COVID-19 when making their resolutions for the New Year? If 2020 has shown us anything, it is that good health is not always assured.

Have you made a governmental leader or political party your foundation? Many people place unwavering faith in earthly leaders (e.g., Trump v. Biden) and parties (Democrat v. Republican), etc. Once again, I would caution against such foundations, as “history is the unbroken record of the failure of human government.” If 2020 has taught us anything, it is the instability of governmental systems and their figureheads.

Have you made close family or friends your foundation? These are God-given gifts and blessed in their place, but they are not suitable foundations. Sadly, people die, move away or disappoint us. Placing your faith in another individual or group is an exercise in futility since they are just as liable to fail as you are. How many in the sound of my voice have been burned by someone you believed in?

Could it be that you have made yourself your own foundation? Have you come to trust in your intellect, insight, prowess, strength or good looks? These make a shoddy base for life and living. Human

intellect wanes, our insights prove limited, prowess diminishes with time, strength naturally fades, and external beauty has an expiration date. Those who trust in themselves will be let down.

Ultimately, there is no earthly principle or person that provides a secure, stable and unchanging foundation. Therefore, we will have to look beyond this earth to the transcendent Christ and His Word. Interestingly, Jesus Christ touched upon this topic in what is commonly called the Sermon on the Mount. Take note of the following portion of Scripture:

**Matthew 7:24-27**

24 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

What (precisely) is your foundation?

Make sure it is Christ and His teaching.

What are you building your life upon?

Make sure it is solid rock and not shifting sand...

Is your foundation truly solid, secure and immovable?

Only Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever...

Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Feel free to check us out online at [www.NewLifeBarre.org](http://www.NewLifeBarre.org) or visit us in person each Sunday at 10:30am (COVID-19 protocols are presented on the aforementioned website). We hope to see you soon!

**Pastor James Foley**  
*New Life Assembly of God  
South Barre*

### Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

*“Let us live our lives by faith”*

**Scripture Reading:**  
**Philippians 1 v 27-30 and Hebrews 11v 1-11**

#### I. Introduction:

As I was watching the workmen outside our house this past week, fixing the huge electrical problem that resulted from a tree that came down and damaged the cables attached to our house, I found it amazing to see how they knew what to do, step by step. I imagine them looking at the problem, discussing it among themselves as well as the different parties to the problem, the ones who had to identify the overall issue, those who came to remove the tree very carefully and then those who removed the damaged telephone pole and cables, and replaced them with new ones. I imagine them envisioning a situation that all of us on our street would have our power back, because they would put into action a plan with different parts to it and could see it being resolved. I asked the manager of the team

how they knew it would work out? His answer was, “Oh, we know, we know,” with a nice laugh. That is faith in their plan, their work, and the outcome, even though they did not see it at first.

#### II. Common Insights about Faith:

As we go through things in life; learn from one another’s stories about the good things as well as the not so good, and how everyone is coping, praying, hoping for the best outcome for our particular situations, as well as what is going on around us; and when one reads about all the Biblical stories with the same kinds of struggles and hopes, what strikes me is that we all want to get to the other side of these experiences intact, maybe better, and to maybe see a transformation of our circumstances, just like the situation with the downed tree and restoration of electrical power. We all want to have that kind of certainty that things will be better, maybe different. In spiritual terms, we talk about having faith inside of us to know that things will be better, because of God’s promise to help us through difficult times.

#### III. Paul to the Philippians

Last week we saw how Paul instructed the Philippians to make their requests known to God through prayer, and then to feel the peace of God come over them. This week we hear him say to them, “Let us live our lives by faith.” In Chapter 1 verse 27 he tells them, in the face of their challenges, “I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one person for the faith of the gospel.” This appeal to them is consistent with what he had been asking all the congregations, that is, to stay together as One Body, and to remain faithful in Christ, who is the Head of the Body. He encourages them to be steadfast in God in everything, be focused and not be distracted by anything that pulls them away from God, and to hold on to their faith. In addition, they needed to know that faith is not without suffering, and that they needed to stand firm despite it all.

#### IV. Biblical figures and their faith

In Hebrews 11 verse 1, the writer first tells the congregation what faith is about, saying “Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.” Then he goes on to give examples of ancient biblical figures and how they managed to get through their journeys with God. These include Noah, Abraham, Enoch, and others to demonstrate their calling by God, God’s promise to be with them and give them what they needed. In the case of Abraham, whom we had focused on in the past, we read in verse 8 how he was called by God to leave his home country, and to travel to a new land which would be his inheritance, and settle there. By faith he did as God asked him to do.

This morning I want to focus on a biblical figure who does not appear in this passage with all the others, and that is Hannah, the mother of Samuel. As we know, Elkanah had two wives, one of them being Hannah, who had no children. Peninnah did have children. We see in 1 Samuel 1 how Hannah wept, was filled with bitterness as she was praying to God

See **SERMONS**, page 10

# Obituaries

David E. Bock, 69 

BARRE - David E. Bock, 69, son of Elwyn Herman Bock and Nancy Ellen Tilton passed to heaven on Saturday, Oct. 3. Born on Oct. 12, 1950 in Ware, Mass. he was predeceased by his parents and his infant son David Elwyn Bock Jr. David leaves behind a son Phillip (Lauren), granddaughter Lenna, sisters Gretchen (Leo) and Heather; brothers Garry and Max; nieces, nephews, cousins and friends too numerous to count.

As a veteran, Dave served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War, mainly stationed in Japan. He later returned to Massachusetts where he worked the majority of his career for the Postal Service. However, some of his fondest work memories happened at the Quabbin Reservoir where he worked in the forest, as a painter and lastly at the pumping station.

Dave loved nature and camping under the stars. From an early age he was an outdoorsman and became a fearless adventurer, tak-

ing many road trips and excursions across the country. On his last big trip, he reached his goal of visiting all 50 states, ending with Alaska.

Dave will always be remembered for his selfless giving ways. Whether working as a mechanic, a handyman or just enjoying the act of fixing something, Dave could always be counted on to lend a hand to someone in need. Dave loved people. Recently he said, “I always tried to help others” and that was Dave, a selfless helper to the core.

When Dave found the Lord, he became a faith-filled Christian and gave his heart and soul to following Jesus. He became an active member of Covenant Evangelical Church and was inspired to spend much of his spiritual time at “The Cross” on Harty Road in Barre. Dave was an avid motorcycle enthusiast and a member of the Christian Motorcycle Association, CMA, “Riding for the Son.” He will especially be remembered

for his faithfulness to the Lord’s work, as the Holy Spirit led him.

As a devoted father and family man, Dave was extremely proud of his son and is most recently known as “Opa” to his new granddaughter. As a brother he loved his siblings deeply. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A private Memorial Service will be held. Burial with full military honors will take place in Winchendon at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Mitchell Funeral Home is handling arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in Dave’s memory may be made to his church, the Covenant Evangelical Church in Barre, Mass. or to charities Dave supported - Feed the Children, Be Like Brit and Mission E4.

### DEATH NOTICE

**Bock, David E.**  
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Private Memorial Services

## Churches celebrate World Communion

By Carole Gariepy

World Communion was celebrated on Oct. 4, yes, Communion Sunday all over the world. Some celebrated in lofty cathedrals, some in mud huts, some on the common in Phillipston.

It’s a powerful feeling, a uniting feeling, to know you are participating in something that every Christian all over the world is doing. As Pastor Stephanie Flynn led the service in Phillipston, she told the history of World Communion that began in 1936 and its significance. Another term for Holy Communion is Eucharist, which means grateful. Eating the bread and drinking the wine is an act of taking Jesus into your life, bread representing His body and wine representing His blood, an act we do with gratitude that he died for us that we can have eternal life when we accept Him as our Savior.

This symbolic act was so vital to astronaut Buzz Aldrin that when he and Neil Armstrong

landed on the moon, they paused before exiting the Lunar Module so Buzz could take communion. Buzz radioed NASA and asked listeners to give thanks in each person’s own way. Then there was a radio blackout from the moon, 250,000 miles away, as Buzz read a verse from the Gospel of John and took communion. “I opened the little plastic packages which contained the bread and the wine. I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine slowly curled and gracefully came up the side of the cup. Then I read the scripture: ‘I am the vine, you are the branches. Whosoever abides in me will bring forth much fruit. Apart from me you can do nothing.’ I ate the tiny toast and swallowed the wine. I gave thanks for the intelligence and spirit that had brought two young pilots to the Sea of Tranquility. It was interesting for me to think that the very first liquid ever poured on the moon

and the very first food eaten there were the communion elements.”

Did you know that story? Think about it when you look at the moon that shines on everyone in the world. Communion took place out there, and as the moon shines its heavenly light on us, let us remember that Communion is a coming together, a time to put hostilities and prejudices aside, a time to be more tolerant and loving to one another, and we need this coming together more now than ever.

The Congregational Church of Phillipston held uplifting outdoor services since Easter. Pastor Stephanie preached from the front of the church and speakers carried the message to people in their cars or sitting in lawn chairs on the common. Indoor services will begin Sunday, Oct. 18 at 10 a.m. and every detail for distancing, masking, wiping is being addressed to be sure it will safe. Zoom will be available for those who wish to attend the service from home.

## Rutland church offers drive-through turkey dinner Nov. 7

RUTLAND – The First Congregational Church of Rutland, 246 Main St., will still hold their annual turkey dinner Saturday, Nov. 7 serving from 5-6:30 p.m.

This dinner will have all

the fixings; turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, butternut squash, dressing, rolls with butter and apple crisp. Cost is \$10.

Due to COVID-19, this dinner will be via a drive-through

with limited delivery within the town of Rutland. If people would like to enjoy a nice dinner and help keep a tradition alive, they may call 508-886-4377 or 508-886-4453 by Saturday, Oct. 31 to reserve a meal.

## Big Y Supermarkets turns pink

SPRINGFIELD — In order to continue to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer, all Big Y Supermarkets will be donating proceeds from various departments throughout the store to 32 local breast cancer support groups throughout Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Since 2007, the chain has raised more than \$2 million dollars for this cause. The program, “Partners of Hope” reflects the partnership, commitment and support of breast cancer awareness and research that is vital for so many. During the entire month

of October, Big Y will donate a portion of the proceeds from both the floral and produce purchases. Big Y butcher shops will donate ten cents from every pound of All Natural Angus Beef and Big Y Smart Chicken sold during the entire month of October and Big Y Pharmacy and Wellness Center will also donate \$5 for every flu shot given.

New this year customers can also donate directly to Partner’s of Hope via [bigy.com/community/breastcancerawareness](http://bigy.com/community/breastcancerawareness).

Big Y’s dietitian team, Carrie Taylor and Andrea Luttrell, will

devote a portion of their fall newsletter to cancer prevention. According to Big Y CEO, Charles D’Amour, “During these challenging and stressful times, it has never been more important to take care of one’s health. Thousands of women and many men are impacted each year by breast cancer. With a renewed focus on health and wellness and the importance of breast cancer awareness and early detection, we hope that this initiative can not only help save lives but some day lead to better treatments and ultimately a cure.”

### NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue’s relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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# Public Safety

## Hardwick Police Log

For the week of Oct. 5-12, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department conducted 40 building/property checks, 8 radar assignments, 8 motor vehicle stops, 16 directed/area patrols, 3 traffic controls, 7 animal calls, 13 emergency 911 calls, 7 citizen assists, 2 assist other agencies, 1 fraud, 1 larceny/theft/shoplifting, 1 vandalism, 1 harassment and 3 complaints in the town of Hardwick.

**Monday, Oct. 5**  
1:26 p.m. Phone – Fraud River Run – Report Taken  
3:40 p.m. Phone – Vandalism Petersham Road – Report Taken  
3:48 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Church Lane – Transported to Hospital  
4:32 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Written Warning  
4:37 p.m. 911 – Neighbor Dispute Hardwick Road – Peace Restored  
4:40 p.m. Phone – Complaint Old Greenwich Plains Road – Spoken To

**Tuesday, Oct. 6**  
12:50 p.m. Phone – Suspicious Activity Hardwick Road – Services Rendered  
1:16 p.m. Phone – Gunshots Pine Street – Spoken To  
1:37 p.m. 911 – Gunshots Pine Street – Dispatch Handled

**Wednesday, Oct. 7**  
12:59 p.m. Initiated – Serve Warrant Main Street – Arrest(s) Made  
4 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Greenwich Road – Removed Hazard  
4 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Greenwich Road – Removed Hazard  
5:21 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard River Run – Services Rendered  
5:55 p.m. 911 – Safety Hazard Hardwick Road – Services Rendered  
5:57 p.m. 911 – Safety Hazard Prouty Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
6:06 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Hardwick Road – Officer Handled  
6:06 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard

Old Greenwich Plains Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
6:13 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Upper Church Street – Unknown Outcome  
6:14 p.m. Other – Safety Hazard Mechanic Street – Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
6:17 p.m. 911 – Safety Hazard Collins Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
6:22 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Barre Road – Unknown Outcome  
6:30 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Patrill Hollow Road – Unknown Outcome  
6:38 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Patrill Hollow Road – Unknown Outcome  
6:43 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Mechanic Street – Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
6:55 p.m. Other – Safety Hazard Greenwich Road – Services Rendered  
7:20 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Ridge Road – Removed Hazard  
7:30 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Gaudet Road – Officer Handled  
7:33 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Ridge Road – Services Rendered  
7:37 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Chagnon Road – Services Rendered  
8 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Greenwich Road – Unknown Outcome  
8:35 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Petersham Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
9:24 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Prouty Road – Services Rendered  
10:11 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Turkey Street – Unknown Outcome  
10:39 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Jackson Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
10:53 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Jackson Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency

**Thursday, Oct. 8**  
4:48 a.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Petersham Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency

5:51 a.m. 911 – Misdial Greenwich Road – Services Rendered  
9:35 a.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Thresher Road – Dispatch Handled  
4:40 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Muddy Brook Road – Services Rendered  
4:45 p.m. Phone – Property Damage Petersham Road – Services Rendered  
5:30 p.m. 911 – Safety Hazard Prouty Road – Services Rendered  
6:57 p.m. 911 – Fire, Other Patrill Hollow Road – Services Rendered

**Friday, Oct. 9**  
9:28 a.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Mechanic Street – Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
12:04 p.m. Phone – Medical Alarm Barre Road – Transported to Hospital  
4:26 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Summons Issued  
8:21 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Jackson Road – Transported to Hospital  
10:29 p.m. Phone – Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting Bridge Street – Spoken To

**Saturday, Oct. 10**  
8 a.m. 911 – Welfare Check Creamery Road – Services Rendered  
9:23 a.m. Initiated – Officer Initiated Creamery Road – Arrest(s) Made  
9:52 a.m. Phone – Suspicious Activity Main Street – Transferred Call to C7  
2:40 p.m. Radio – Safety Hazard Sessions Road – Removed Hazard  
6:06 p.m. 911 – Complaint Greenwich Road – Investigated  
6:32 p.m. 911 – Fire, Other Joslyn Road – Investigated

**Sunday, Oct. 11**  
11:55 a.m. Phone – Harassment Turkey Street – Services Rendered  
1:03 p.m. Phone – Medical Emergency Jackson Road – Transported to Hospital  
2:11 p.m. Phone – Property Damage Ruggles Hill Road – Officer Handled  
8:26 p.m. Phone – Fire, Other Bridge Street – Services Rendered

West Road – Unknown Outcome  
7:56 p.m. Radio – Safety Hazard Barre Cut Off Road – Removed Hazard

**Thursday, Oct. 8**  
8:07 a.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Circle Drive – Dispatch Handled  
11:13 a.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Barre Cutoff Road – Dispatch Handled

**Friday, Oct. 9**  
2:14 p.m. Phone – Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting West Street – Report Taken  
4:02 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Ware Road – Investigated

Saturday, Oct. 10  
4:21 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Hardwick Road – Transported to Hospital  
12:4 p.m. Phone – Fire, Illegal Burn/Permit Worcester Road – Spoken To

**Sunday, Oct. 11**  
4:34 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Hardwick Road – Written Warning  
5:53 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Hardwick Road – Citation Issued

## Petersham Police Log

**Tuesday, Sept. 1**  
3:15 p.m. Assist Citizen Loring Hill Road – Services Rendered

**Wednesday, Sept. 2**  
6:54 a.m. 911/Hang-up Call North Main Street – Spoken To  
1:40 p.m. Scam Dana Road – No Action Required  
5:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Written Warning

**Friday, Sept. 4**  
6:07 p.m. Assist Citizen Quaker Drive – Spoken To  
10:26 p.m. Suspicious Activity Hall Road – Dispatch Handled

**Saturday, Sept. 5**  
1:17 p.m. Welfare Check Nichewaug Road – Transferred Call to C1  
2:02 p.m. Welfare Check Women's Federated Forest – Spoken To  
3:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East Street – Citation Issued

**Sunday, Sept. 6**  
10:08 a.m. Welfare Check Hardwick Road – Services Rendered  
5:36 p.m. Assist Other Agency Greenwich Road – Transported to Hospital

**Tuesday, Sept. 8**  
1:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Written Warning

4:52 p.m. Fraud East Street – Services Rendered

**Wednesday, Sept. 9**  
10:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Citation Issued

**Thursday, Sept. 10**  
10:39 a.m. Gunshots Rte. 122 – Gone on Arrival  
5:38 p.m. Assist Citizen Hardwick Road – Officer Handled

**Saturday, Sept. 12**  
12:37 a.m. Safety Hazard Barre Road – Transferred Call to C1  
10:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop New Salem Road – Citation Issued

**Monday, Sept. 14**  
5:49 p.m. Medical Emergency Old Barre Road – Transported to Hospital

**Tuesday, Sept. 15**  
10:48 a.m. Assist Citizen South Street – Spoken To

**Wednesday, Sept. 16**  
2:20 p.m. 911/Hang-up Call Oliver Street – Spoken To  
Thursday, Sept. 17  
11:40 a.m. Medical Emergency West Road – Services Rendered  
1:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Main Street – Citation Issued

**Friday, Sept. 18**  
1:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Spring Street – Transported to Hospital

**Saturday, Sept. 19**  
7:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Written Warning

**Saturday, Sept. 26**  
8:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Written Warning  
8:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Written Warning  
9:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Main Street – Written Warning  
9:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Written Warning  
9:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Written Warning  
10:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East Street – Written Warning  
1:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Written Warning  
1:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Written Warning

**Monday, Sept. 28**  
1:34 p.m. Fire, Auto North Main Street – Vehicle Towed  
2:31 p.m. 911 Misdial Old New Salem Road – Investigated

**Wednesday, Sept. 30**  
4:04 p.m. Safety Hazard Dugway Road – Services Rendered  
6:17 p.m. 911/Hang-up Call North Main Street – Services Rendered

## New Braintree Police Log

For the week of Oct. 5-12, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department conducted 14 building/property checks, 1 radar assignment, 3 motor vehicle stops, 16 directed/area patrols, 5 emergency 911 calls, 3 citizen assists, 1 animal call and 1 larceny/theft/shoplifting in the town of New Braintree.

**Monday, Oct. 5**  
3:07 p.m. Phone – Disabled Motor Vehicle West Brookfield Road – Vehicle Towed

**Tuesday, Oct. 6**  
12:34 p.m. 911 – Misdial Millstone Road – Officer Handled

**Wednesday, Oct. 7**  
5:10 p.m. Other – Safety Hazard West Brookfield Road – Removed Hazard  
5:15 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Oakham Road – Removed Hazard  
5:22 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard West Brookfield Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency

5:35 p.m. 911 – Safety Hazard West Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
5:38 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Tucker Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
5:39 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Hardwick Road – Officer Handled  
5:49 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Ravine Road – Officer Handled  
5:57 p.m. 911 – Safety Hazard Davis Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
6:04 p.m. Other – Safety Hazard Ravine Road – Removed Hazard  
6:09 p.m. Other – Safety Hazard Barre Road – Removed Hazard  
6:11 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Mara Road – Services Rendered  
6:12 p.m. 911 – Safety Hazard Barre Cut Off Road – Services Rendered  
6:28 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Wine Road – Merge  
6:33 p.m. Other – Safety Hazard Wine Road – Report Taken  
6:36 p.m. Other – Safety Hazard Moore Road – Services Rendered  
6:45 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Gilbertville Road – Services Rendered  
6:58 a.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard

West Road – Unknown Outcome  
7:56 p.m. Radio – Safety Hazard Barre Cut Off Road – Removed Hazard

**Thursday, Oct. 8**  
8:07 a.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Circle Drive – Dispatch Handled  
11:13 a.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Barre Cutoff Road – Dispatch Handled

**Friday, Oct. 9**  
2:14 p.m. Phone – Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting West Street – Report Taken  
4:02 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Ware Road – Investigated

Saturday, Oct. 10  
4:21 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Hardwick Road – Transported to Hospital  
12:4 p.m. Phone – Fire, Illegal Burn/Permit Worcester Road – Spoken To

**Sunday, Oct. 11**  
4:34 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Hardwick Road – Written Warning  
5:53 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Hardwick Road – Citation Issued

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to change her circumstances. She was authentic in her emotions as she prayed this prayer, “O Lord Almighty, if you will only look upon your servant’s misery and remember me, and not forget your servant, but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head...I am a woman who is deeply troubled, and I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief.’ Eli, the priest witnessed her praying from her heart. He could not hear her, but saw her lips moving. He then said to her, “Go in peace and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.”.After she prayed in that authentic way, she fell pregnant and gave birth to Samuel. Like Mary, the Mother of Jesus, she then broke into what was called Hannah’s prayer where she rejoices in the Lord, called God Holy and her Rock, and then speaks about how the Lord will shatter those who oppose God, and how those who are humbled will be exalted. Hannah and all these OT figures called upon God in faith to help guide them and change their circumstances. Their lives were transformed

beyond their wildest dreams, and they experienced God’s presence in remarkable ways.

### V. So, what is faith, then?

I mentioned to you in a previous sermon that, according to Richard Phillips in the Reformed Commentary on Hebrews, the eleventh Chapter of the Book of Hebrews is what 1 Corinthians 13 is to love. He says that the fate of Christians hinges on their faith. By faith we begin what we will ultimately possess and see. In other words, faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see, according to verse 1 of Hebrews 11. The key word that gives expression to this certainty is the Greek word, hypostasis. It speaks about faith that holds the key to something that is promised, something real and substantial we hope for, but what can’t be seen yet. Both Abraham and Hannah’s experiences are about that faith and trust in God to, on the one hand, keep God’s promise in the case of Abraham, and on the other hand, to reveal God’s power through trusting prayer, in the case of Hannah. It is about a conviction, a confidence that what cannot be seen, is there, because you hope for it. Phillips continues saying that faith is the attitude we have toward our circumstances, especially when

things look uncertain. Faith is to believe that things are different from what they seem to be. One of the best ways of saying it, I read is “Those who put their faith in God and God’s word, and not in this world and the evidence the world presents, are those whom God receives”.

### VI. Conclusion:

So, faith is about seeing how God sees things. If the worldly evidence says, things are just the way they are, or are impossible, through God’s eyes, things are different, they are possible, they are good and miraculous. If collectively we all hold faith up as the key to what we hope for, even though we do not see it yet, what a world it would be. Our internet, phone and cable service have not been restored yet, so I am curious to ask the same question to those technicians. During this pandemic where a lot of services are delayed, I am sure that their answer would sound like this, “We have a lot on our plate these days, but we believe in what we do, and you will have your service back.” May Gods help us to develop a faith like that, and of Abraham and Noah and Hannah and many more.

Amen  
**Pastor Margaret Keyser**  
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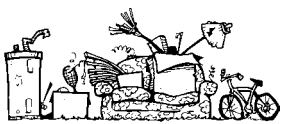


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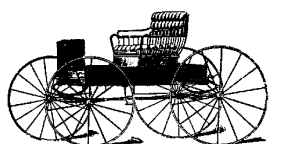
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**WATER/SEWER MAINTENANCE WORKER** The town of Monson is seeking a full-time Water/Sewer Maintenance Worker to provide technical work to operate and maintain the water and sewer systems. License requirements included Massachusetts CDL Class B and Hoisting 2A, or ability to obtain within 3 mo. of hire; Massachusetts D-2 and T-1 Certified Operator of Drinking Water Facilities, or ability to obtain within 6 mo. of hire or at digression of the Superintendent. Acknowledgement of Tuition Reimbursement Policy Required. 10 days paid vacation after 90 days continuous employment, salary min \$18.64 max \$23.28. Contact the Monson Water & Sewer Dept. at tel (413)267-4130, fax (413)267-4106, or e-mail [monson-ma.gov](mailto:monson-ma.gov). Completed applications must be received at the Monson Water & Sewer Department, 198WD Main Street, P.O. Box 388, Monson, MA 01057 before 3:30 p.m. October 23, 2020. This Institution is an equal opportunity employer.

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# Rep. Berthiaume maintains perfect voting record session

BOSTON – State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume (R-Spencer) has successfully maintained a perfect voting record for the 2019-2020 legislative session, participating in all 267 roll call votes recorded in the House of Representatives between Jan. 30, 2019 and July 31, 2020.

The Spencer legislator cast votes on several major pieces of legislation that were signed into law this session, including Nicky’s Law, which established a statewide “do not hire” registry to track caregivers who abuse clients with intellectual and developmental disabilities. A longtime advocate for Massachusetts’ public schools,

Rep. Berthiaume also voted for the Student Opportunity Act, which calls for increased school funding and stronger accountability standards to help close student achievement gaps, and the Breakfast After the Bell initiative, which will expand school breakfast programs across the state to help ensure every student comes to school prepared to learn.

In response to the COVID-19 State of Emergency declared on March 10, Representative Berthiaume supported a wide range of bills to assist families, municipalities and small businesses during the pandemic. In addition to backing expanded mail-in voting and other options to allow residents to safely

exercise their right to vote, he also supported the Restaurant Relief Act, which would cap third-party delivery fees and give businesses additional time to submit their meals tax payments without being subject to penalties or interest.

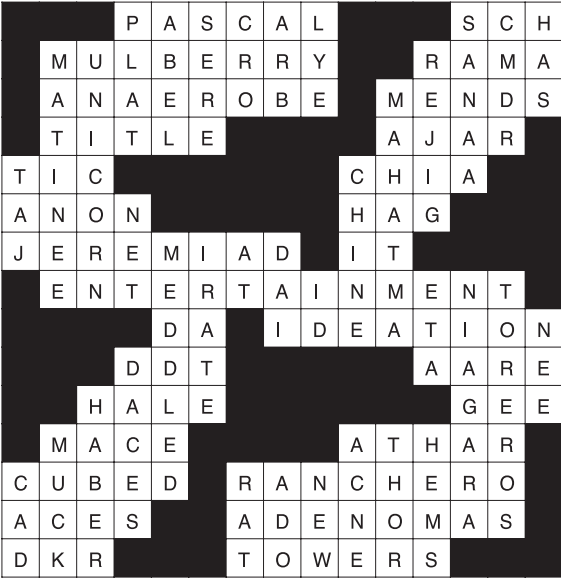
Other key initiatives supported by Representative Berthiaume this session include legislation to:

address racial disparities in maternal healthcare; establish a Foster Parents Bill of Rights; enhance consumer access and insurance parity for telehealth services; expand access to behavioral and mental health services for children; protect students attending financially struggling colleges fac-

ing possible closure; reduce distracted driving by allowing only hands-free cell phone use while operating a motor vehicle; assist Massachusetts veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other

deployment-related health conditions; and create a Women’s Rights History Trail to promote education and awareness of the struggle for women’s rights in Massachusetts.

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